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SUBJECT: PAPUAN INDEPENDENCE

1. NBC NEWS REPORTED MEETING IN PORT MORESBY SUBURB OF HANUABADA MARCH 9, OF 200 PAPUANS WHO PASSED RESOLUTION TO EFFECT THAT PAPUA INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE UNILATERALLY DECLARED MARCH 16.

2. RADIO SAID SOME OF YOUNGER PEOPLE PRESENT ARGUED AGAINST MOTION, BUT IT WAS PASSED IN SPITE OF THEM.

3. MEETING REPORTEDLY PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR OF PORT MORESBY. PRESS REPORTS IN PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE INDICATED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN CITY OF PORT MORESBY AND CENTRAL PNG GOVERNMENT HAVE DETERIORATED.

4. CHIEF MINISTER SOMARE REPORTEDLY INFORMED HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MARCH 10 HE WOULD HOLD A REFERENDUM ON A SEPARATE INDEPENDENCE FOR PAPUA IF THE HOUSE ASKED HIM TO DO SO. HE ALSO STATED HE HAD ASKED PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD TO ASCERTAIN THE NAMES OF SENIOR PUBLIC SERVANTS ATTENDING THE MEETING, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS ABOUT

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THEIR PARTICIPATION.

5. AT PRESENT WE SEE NO INDICATION THAT UNILATERAL
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MEANING-
FUL STEPS TO MAKE INDEPENDENCE A FACT.
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